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11. (SBU) According to WIREC participant Henri Backman, Advisor to the Minister at the Finnish Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland is participating in the EU's pledge to obtain 20 percent of its energy needs from renewable energy by 2020. Finland is not planning to make a separate WIREC pledge.

12. (U) The Finnish delegation appreciated being invited to WIREC and the opportunity to have Minister Mauri Pekkarinen participate in the panel discussion on the role of forestry in renewable energy production. Pekkarinen also met with Energy Secretary Bodman and he toured the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado.  
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